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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

1. SMITHSONIAN REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH AMBASSADOR

CABRERA MUNOZ-LEDO AND MINISTER CASELLAS-LEAL, MEXICAN

EMBASSY, MAY L4. POINTS COVERED:

A. GOM WILL PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION MEXICO CITY TO NEW YORK OR PHILADELPHIA FOR ITS TROUPE. SMITHSONIAN WILL BUS TROUPE TO WASHINGTON.

B. CABRERA'S OFFICE WILL HANDLE PASSPORTS FOR PARTICIPANTS.

C. CABRERA SUGGESTED GOM AND SMITHSONIAN STRIKE A BARGAIN: SINCE GOM PROVIDING AIR TRAVEL, SMITHSONIAN SHOULD PROVIDE LOST WORK-TIME COMPENSATION. ADDITIONAL PAYMENT BEYOND PER DIEM REQUIRES TYPE OF VISA WHICH EXTREMELY COMPLICATED TO PROCESS AND COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT IN TIME REMAINING. EIGHT OTHER NATIONAL PARTICIPATING TROUPES NOT RECEIVING SIMILAR COMPENSATION FROM U.S. SOURCES.

2. PROSPECTIVE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IS:

A. LOS HERMANOS FIERRO, THREE MEMBER JAROCHO GROUP FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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VERA CRUZ.

B. MARIACHI UDABE, NINE MEMBER GROUP FROM TAMAZULE,
JALISCO.

C. TWO DANCERS, JAROCHO AND JALISCO STYLES, FROM MEXICO
CITY.

D. DUETO SANDOVAL, TWO CORRIDO SINGERS FROM MEXICO
CITY.

E. FIVE HUICHOLS FROM PUEBLO JESUS MARIA DE CORTEZ (NEAR
TEPIC) NAYARIT.

F. ONE HARP PLAYER FROM ZAPOTILTIC.

G. TWO COORDINATORS DESIGNATED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

(CABRERA SUGGESTED THESE BY IRENE VASQUEZ, NATIONAL
INSTITUTE, AND ADOLFO MARTINEZ, CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER,
MINFONAFF.)

3. SINCE MEETING, SMITHSONIAN HAS DETERMINED ONLY DUETO
SANDOVAL AND FIVE HUICHOLS NEED SOME PAYMENT FOR FAMILIES'
UPKEEP DURING THEIR ABSENCES. THEREFORE MAY SUBSTITUTE
LA DANZA AZTECA, TWO MUSICIANS FROM AUTLAN JALISCO, FOR
DUETO SANDOVAL. SONNICHSEN SUGGESTS HUICHOLS MAY TRANSMIT
PORTION PER DIEM PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES MEMBERS THROUGH LIC.
JORGE HERNANDEZ MORENO, DIRECTOR, MUSEO REGIONAL IN TEPEC.

4. OTHER POSSIBILITY: PRIVATE NON-US BUSINESS INTERESTS
IN MEXICO MIGHT MAKE CASH DONATION TO COVER COMPENSATION.
EXPLORING THIS POSSIBILITY AND EXPECT ANSWER WITHIN WEEK.

5. DEADLINE FOR FINAL DECISION JUNE 1. INGERSOLL

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